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1. SECRETARY MCNAMARA HAS ASKED 25X1 TO HAVE

ADDRESS ITSELF TO PROBLEM OF REPORTING ON AND GAUGING PROGRESS OF PACIFICATION.

2. IN ESSENCE MCNAMARA ACCEPTS ARGUMENT WE (AMONG OTHERS) HAVE LONG ADVANCED THAT PRESENT STATISTICS NUMBERS GAVE USED TO MEASURE PACIFICATION PROGRESS OR LACK THEREOF RELATIVELY MEANINGLESS AND OFTEN MISLEADING. HE CONVINCED HOWEVER THERE MUST BE SOME COMBINATION OF INDICES, DATA AND APPROPRIATE BENCH MARKS WHICH WILL ENABLE 5 TO TELL HOW PACIFICATION GOING ON MONTH TO MONTH BASIS AND HAS ASKED US TO DEVISE SUCH

25X1 COMBINATION. 4 IS NOT REPEAT NOT BEING TASKED WITH

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